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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:)	Chapter 11
CELSIUS NETWORK LLC, et al.,1)	Case No. 22-10964 (MG)
	Debtors.)	(Jointly Administered)
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NOTICE OF FILING OF FURTHER REVISED
PROPOSED ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND
EMPLOYMENT OF AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP
AS SPECIAL LITIGATION COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTORS
AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on August 8, 2022, the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") filed the *Debtors' Application for Entry of an Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP as*

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Special Litigation Counsel for the Debtors and Debtors in Possession Effective as of the Petition Date [Docket No. 392] (the "Application").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that on August 31, 2022, the Debtors filed a revised proposed *Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer* & Feld LLP as Special Litigation Counsel for the Debtors and Debtors in Possession Effective as of the Petition Date [Docket No. 656] (the "Revised Proposed Order").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Debtors hereby file a further revised proposed Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP as Special Litigation Counsel for the Debtors and Debtors in Possession Effective as of the Petition Date attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Further Revised Proposed Order").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a comparison between the Further Revised Proposed Order and the Revised Proposed Order is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the Application and other pleadings filed in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases may be obtained free of charge by visiting the website of Stretto at http://www.cases.stretto.com/celsius. You may also obtain copies of any pleadings by visiting the Court's website at http://www.nysb.uscourts.gov in accordance with the procedures and fees set forth therein.

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New York, New York Dated: September 13, 2022 /s/ Joshua A. Sussberg

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Exhibit A

Further Revised Proposed Order

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ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP AS SPECIAL LITIGATION COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE

Upon the application (the "Application")² of the debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the "Chapter 11 Cases") for entry of an order (this "Order") pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 327(e), 328(a) and 1107(b), authorizing the Debtors to retain and employ Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP as special litigation counsel effective as of the Petition Date and granting related relief, all as further described in the Application; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1334; and this proceeding being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and venue of this proceeding and the Application in this Court being proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and proper notice of the Application having been given; and the Court having found that no other or further notice is necessary; and the Court having reviewed the Application, the Declarations and the Supplemental Declaration of Mitchell Hurley in Support of

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the Debtors' Application Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP as Special Litigation Counsel for the Debtors and Debtors in Possession Effective as of the Petition Date [Docket No. 649] (the "Supplemental Declaration") and having heard statements in support of the Application at a hearing held before the Court (the "Hearing"); and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and any objections to the relief requested in the Application having been withdrawn or overruled on the merits; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is hereby ORDERED that:

- 1. The Application is granted as set forth herein.
- 2. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 327(e), 328(a) and 1107(b), the Debtors are authorized to retain and employ Akin Gump as their special litigation counsel effective as of the Petition Date in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Application and in the Engagement Letter attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
- 3. Retention pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 327(e) is appropriate given the specific scope of the proposed retention.
- 4. Akin Gump shall apply for compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with these Chapter 11 Cases in compliance with Bankruptcy Code sections 330 and 331 and applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Rules, Local Rules and any other applicable procedures and orders of the Court. Akin Gump shall not seek, without further order of the Court, reimbursement from the Debtors' estates for any fees incurred in defending any of Akin Gump's fee applications in these Chapter 11 Cases.
- 5. Akin Gump is authorized without further order of the Court to reserve and apply amounts held on account against any outstanding fees and expenses incurred on or prior to the

Petition Date, consistent with its ordinary course billing practices. Thereafter, Akin Gump shall apply any remaining amounts from its prepetition advance payment as a credit toward postpetition fees and expenses, after such postpetition fees and expenses are approved pursuant to the first order of the Court awarding fees and expenses to Akin Gump.

- 6. Akin Gump shall file a notice with this Court and give not less than ten (10) business days' notice to the Debtors, the U.S. Trustee and the Committee prior to implementing any increases in its rates, other than as already set forth in the Hurley Declaration, in these Chapter 11 Cases. The notice shall explain the basis for the requested rate increases in accordance with Bankruptcy Code section 330(a)(3)(F) and state whether the Debtors have consented to such rate increases. Except with respect to the rates disclosed in the Hurley Declaration, the U.S. Trustee retains all rights to object to any rate increase on all grounds, including the reasonableness standard set forth in Bankruptcy Code section 330, and the Court retains the right to review any rate increase pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 330.
- 7. To the extent the Debtors wishes to expand the scope of Akin Gump's services beyond those services set forth in the Application or this Order, the Debtors shall file notice of any proposed additional services (the "Proposed Additional Services") and, to the extent necessary, any supplemental declaration in support thereof, and serve such notice on the U.S. Trustee, the Committee and any party requesting notice under Bankruptcy Rule 2002. The Debtors shall provide all such parties with not less than fourteen (14) days' notice of the Proposed Additional Services and an opportunity to object (the "Objection Deadline"). If no such party files an objection by the Objection Deadline, the Proposed Additional Services and the underlying engagement agreement, if any, may be approved by the Court by further order without further notice or hearing.

- 8. Akin Gump shall use its best efforts to avoid any unnecessary duplication of services provided by any of the Debtors' retained professionals in these Chapter 11 Cases.
- 9. The Debtors and Akin Gump are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted pursuant to this Order in accordance with the Application.
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- 12. Notice of the Application as provided therein is deemed to be good and sufficient notice of such Application, and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.
- 13. To the extent the Application, the Declarations, the Supplemental Declaration or the Engagement Letter is inconsistent with this Order, the terms of this Order shall govern.

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THE HONORABLE MARTIN GLENN CHIEF UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE 22-10964-mg Doc 810 Filed 09/13/22 Entered 09/13/22 23:21:06 Main Document Pg 10 of 15

Exhibit B

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13.14. The terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

<u>14.15.</u> The Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation of this Order.

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